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Information and communication technologies for development

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 21st, 26th and 28th meetings, on 5, 13 and 16 November 2007. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/62/SR.21, 26 and 28). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 8 to 10 October (see A/C.2/62/SR.2-6).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 17 October 2007 from the representative of Tajikistan to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Bishkek Declaration adopted on 16 August 2007 by the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (A/62/492-S/2007/616).

4. At the 21st meeting, on 5 November, the Chairperson made a statement (A/C.2/62/SR.21).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/62/L.28 and A/C.2/62/L.35

5. At the 26th meeting, on 13 November, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" (A/C.2/62/L.28), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 56/183 of 21 December 2001, 57/238 of 20 December 2002, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 59/220 of 22 December 2004 and 60/252 of 27 March 2006,

"*Recalling also* the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society at its first phase, held at Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003, as endorsed by the General Assembly, and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the Summit at its second phase, held at Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005, and endorsed by the General Assembly,

"*Recalling further* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

"1. *Reaffirms* the strong development orientation of the outcomes of both the Geneva and the Tunis phases of the Summit, and urges their full implementation;

"2. *Reaffirms also* its request to the Economic and Social Council to oversee the system-wide follow-up of the Geneva and Tunis outcomes of the Summit;

"3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the status of implementation of the Summit outcomes, including recommendations on the follow-up process, for consideration by the Council at its substantive session of 2008."

6. At its 28th meeting, on 16 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" (A/C.2/62/L.35), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Hassan Ali Saleh (Lebanon), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.28.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.35 (see para. 10).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.35, draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Information and communication technologies for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/183 of 21 December 2001, 57/238 of 20 December 2002, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 59/220 of 22 December 2004 and 60/252 of 27 March 2006,

Recalling also the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society at its first phase, held at Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003,[1] as endorsed by the General Assembly,[2] and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the Summit at its second phase, held at Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005,[3] and endorsed by the General Assembly,[4]

Recalling further the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[5]

1. *Reaffirms* the strong development orientation of the outcomes of both the Geneva[1] and the Tunis[3] phases of the World Summit on the Information Society and urges their full implementation;

2. *Also reaffirms* its request to the Economic and Social Council to oversee the system-wide follow-up to the Geneva and Tunis outcomes of the Summit;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, the report being prepared for the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, as mandated by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, on the status of implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the Summit.

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[1] See A/C.2/59/3, annex.

[2] See resolution 59/220.

[3] See A/60/687.

[4] See resolution 60/252.

[5] See resolution 60/1.